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COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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STRIKE IN BSNL
Acharia Shri Basudeb

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Joint Forum of BSNL employees Unions and Associations have strongly objected the decision of the Government to dilute 10% share in BSNL, a profit making company;

(b) if so, whether they have also called for indefinite strike in BSNL against this decision from 26th February, 2008;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Joint Forum of BSNL Unions/Associations of Non-Executives and Executives had given a notice for indefinite strike in BSNL with effect from 26th February, 2008. Secretary (Telecommunications) met the representatives of the Joint Forum on 19th February, 2008 and apprised them that there is no immediate proposal for IPO (Initial Public Offer) in Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited. The Joint Forum has since deferred the proposed indefinite strike.